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The Honorable Rob Simmons  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6143

Dear Congressman Simmons:

During your meeting with the Acting Director of the Defense Security Service (DSS) on July 26, 2006, you discussed the difficulty some contractor employees were having accessing Navy installations. While these contractor employees have security clearances, the background investigations have not been updated. My staff determined that the installations involved were denying access based on a misinterpretation of an internal Navy policy. The Navy has published guidance to correct the misinterpretation.

To ensure that there is no further "misinterpretation" of the Department's policy, I have issued the attached memorandum and asked for widest dissemination. DSS will post the memorandum on its website and provide guidance to industry on the need to update clearances that are based on out-of-date investigations.

The Department will continue to monitor the security clearance process. If you have additional questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 695-2396.

Sincerely,

Robert Andrews  
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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY  
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SUBJECT: Personnel Security Clearances in Industry

It has come to my attention that some DoD organizations are denying contractor employees access to Defense facilities and classified information because the employees have a personnel security clearance based on an investigation that is beyond the renewal date. Budget issues within the Department suspended industry clearances processing for several weeks. Due to the suspension, many of the Periodic Reinvestigations (PRs) were not submitted on time. As a result, many periodic reinvestigations are overdue.

Personnel security clearances do not "expire." Contractor security clearance and investigation data can be confirmed by querying the Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS). Contractor employees are eligible for access to classified information if current eligibility is indicated in JPAS.

Please ensure that this memorandum receives widest dissemination.

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